

REMARKS

The amendments to the claims have been made relative to U.S. Patent No. 5,897,307 pursuant to 37 CFR 1.173(b). Specifically, original claims 1, 4, 5, 7, 10, 11, and 12 have been cancelled.

In the Response to Office Action filed April 26, 2006, claims 2 and 3 were rewritten in independent form to include the limitations of claim 1. Accordingly, claims 2 and 3 as presented show the amendments made in the Response to Office Action filed April 26, 2006 and the subsequent amendments made in the Response to Office Action filed June 19, 2006.

Claim 6 remains in its original form.

Claims 8 and 9 show the amendments made in the Response to Office Action filed June 19, 2006.

Claims 13 and 14, which were previously presented in the reissue application as claims 14 and 15, respectively, are presented as new claims.

CONCLUSION

If the Examiner believes that a telephone or other conference would be of value in expediting the prosecution of the present application, enabling an Examiner's amendment or other meaningful discussion of the case, Applicant invites the Examiner to contact Applicant's representative at (310) 777-8399.

If any additional fees are required as a result of this amendment, or any credit needs to be made for overpayment of fees, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 500703.

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